

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

The weather was pleasant in the pioneer camp, a fresh breeze blowing from the west. The brethren engaged in a little dancing to occupy the time. Early in the forenoon Elder Wilford Woodruff left the camp on horseback for winter quarters to visit his family and see Elder Parley P. Pratt, but just before he reached his destination he met the twelve returning, so, although within half a mile of his home (in Winter Quarters) he turned back with them to the pioneer camp. During the day others of the company went back to Winter Quarters for a few hours before making the final start for the mountains.

At 1:50 p. m. George A. Smith, Luke S. Johnson and others arrived at the pioneer camp from Winter Quarters, bringing the intelligence that President Young and others of the twelve were on the road and would soon join the pioneer company. On hearing this orders were given by Elder Orson Pratt to hitch up the teams and be ready to start. This infused cheerfulness into every man and all went to work immediately with alacrity. Soon afterward President Young and Elders Kimball and Richards arrived, and as soon as the teams were ready they began rolling up the hill, and at 3 p. m. most of them had left the encampment on the west bank of the Little Papillion, which had been oc-



Old Ferry Across the Missouri

cupied by some of the company since the 7th. After starting the pioneers traveled over a broken country and crossed one bad, miry place, but only two or three teams required doubling. With the assistance of about 30 of the brethren towing them through the mire they got over without much difficulty. After continuing the journey toward the Elkhorn river the pioneers encamped at 7:30 p. m. in the open prairie, or in a valley where there was water and also a sprinkling of grass, but no wood. When they had traveled eight or ten miles from their former encampment President Young and Elders Kimball and Richards went to work cutting grass for their cattle with knives and afterward inspected teams to ascertain if all was right. That night there were 64 wagons and carriages in the camp.

Howard Egan and others who had spent the previous night at Winter Quarters returned to the haystacks, where they had left their wagons, and then continued their westward journey, accompanied by William Kimball, who intended to accompany the pioneers as far as the Elkhorn. After traveling four miles the Howard Egan company came up with the main camp of the pioneers, but, without stopping there, they went on three miles farther and encamped for the night, having traveled 13 miles during the day (or seven miles from the haystacks).

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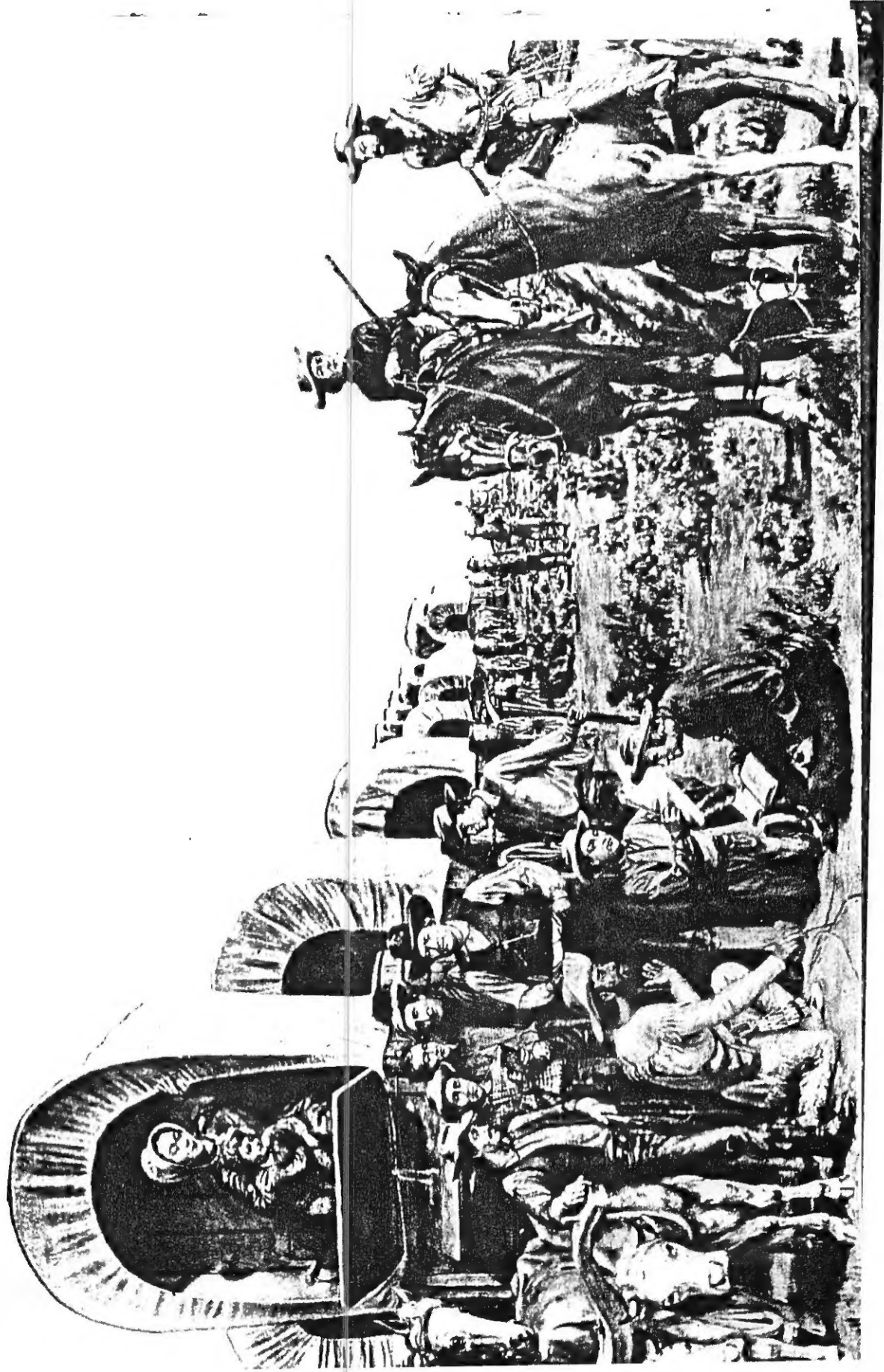
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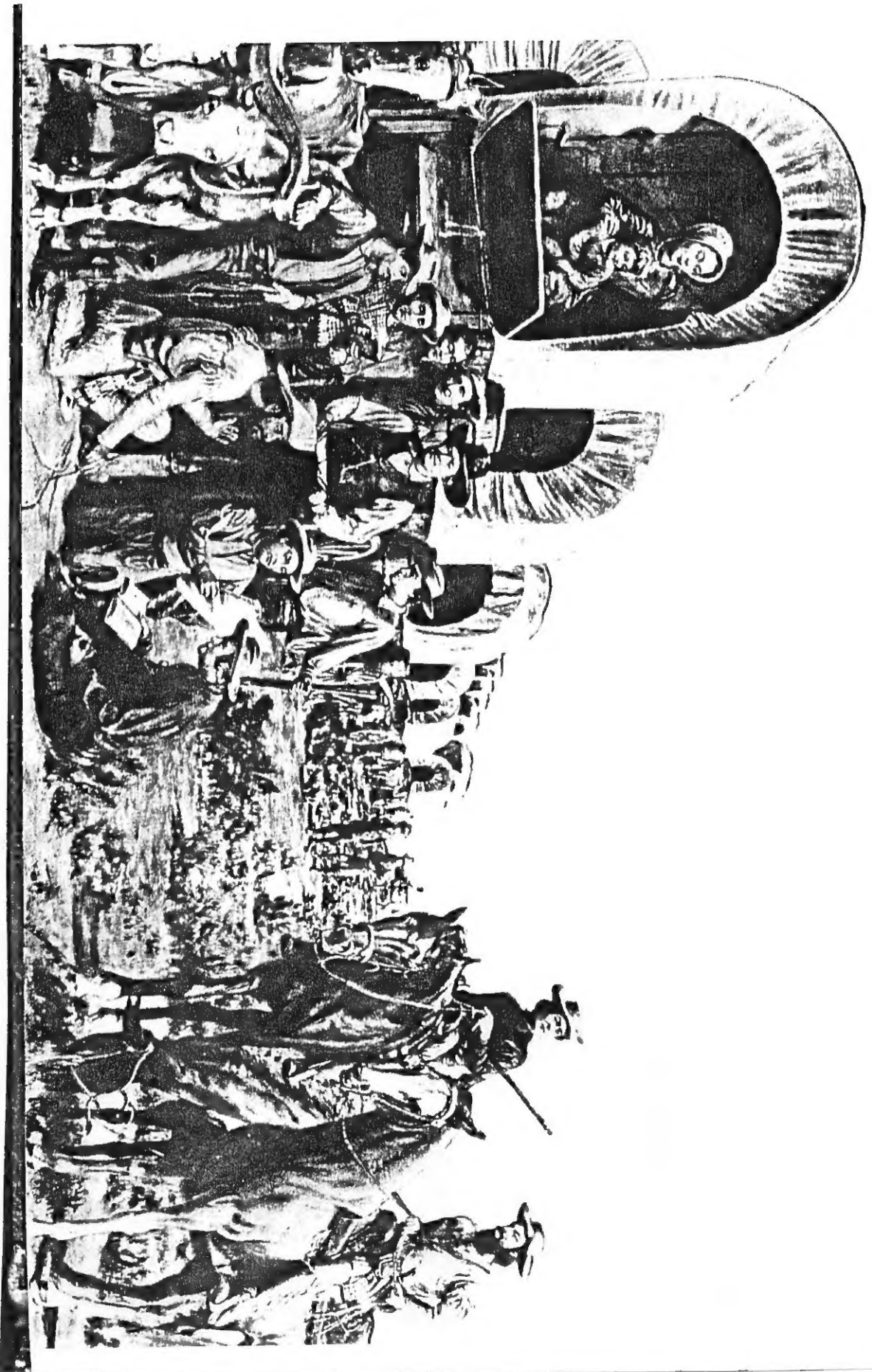
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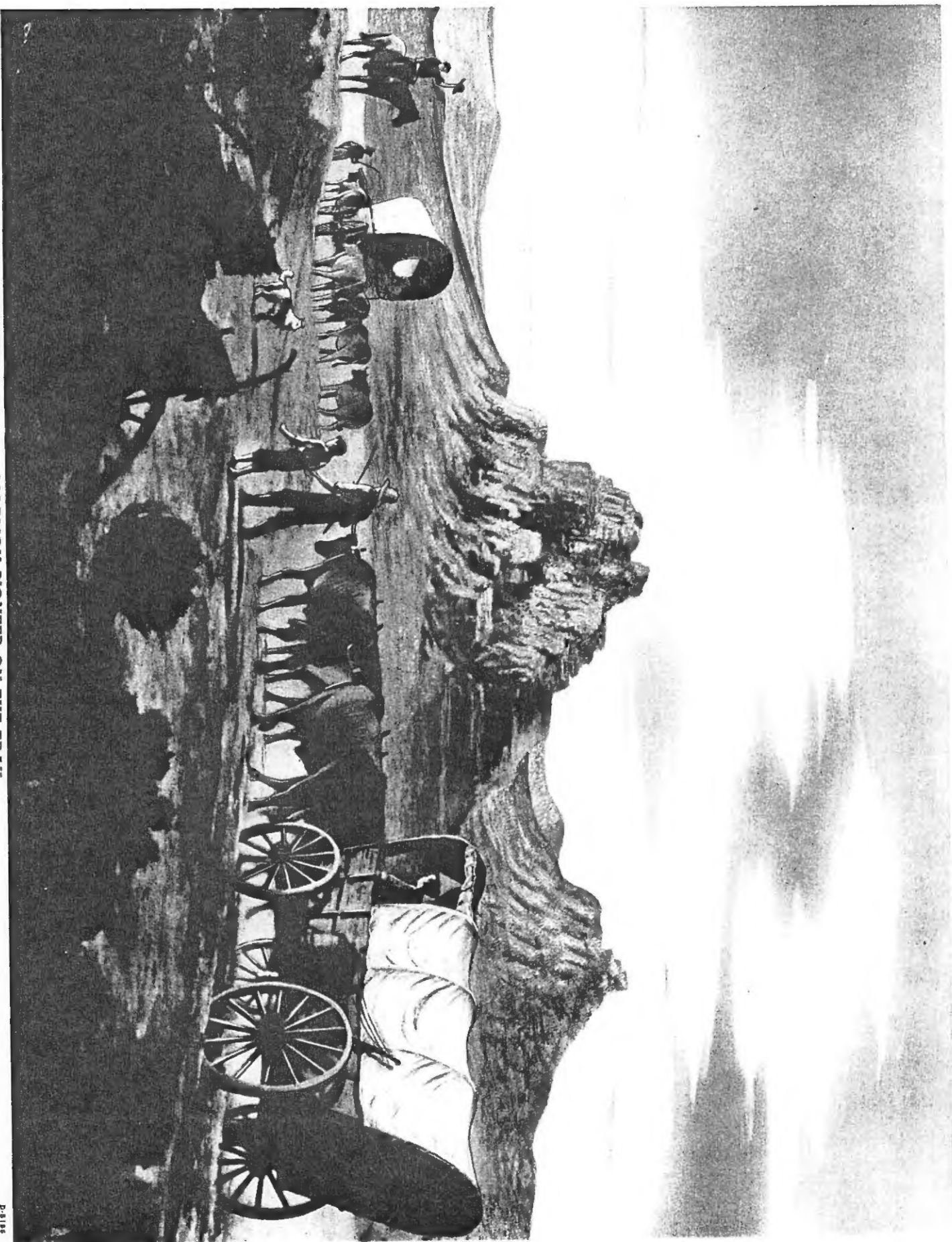
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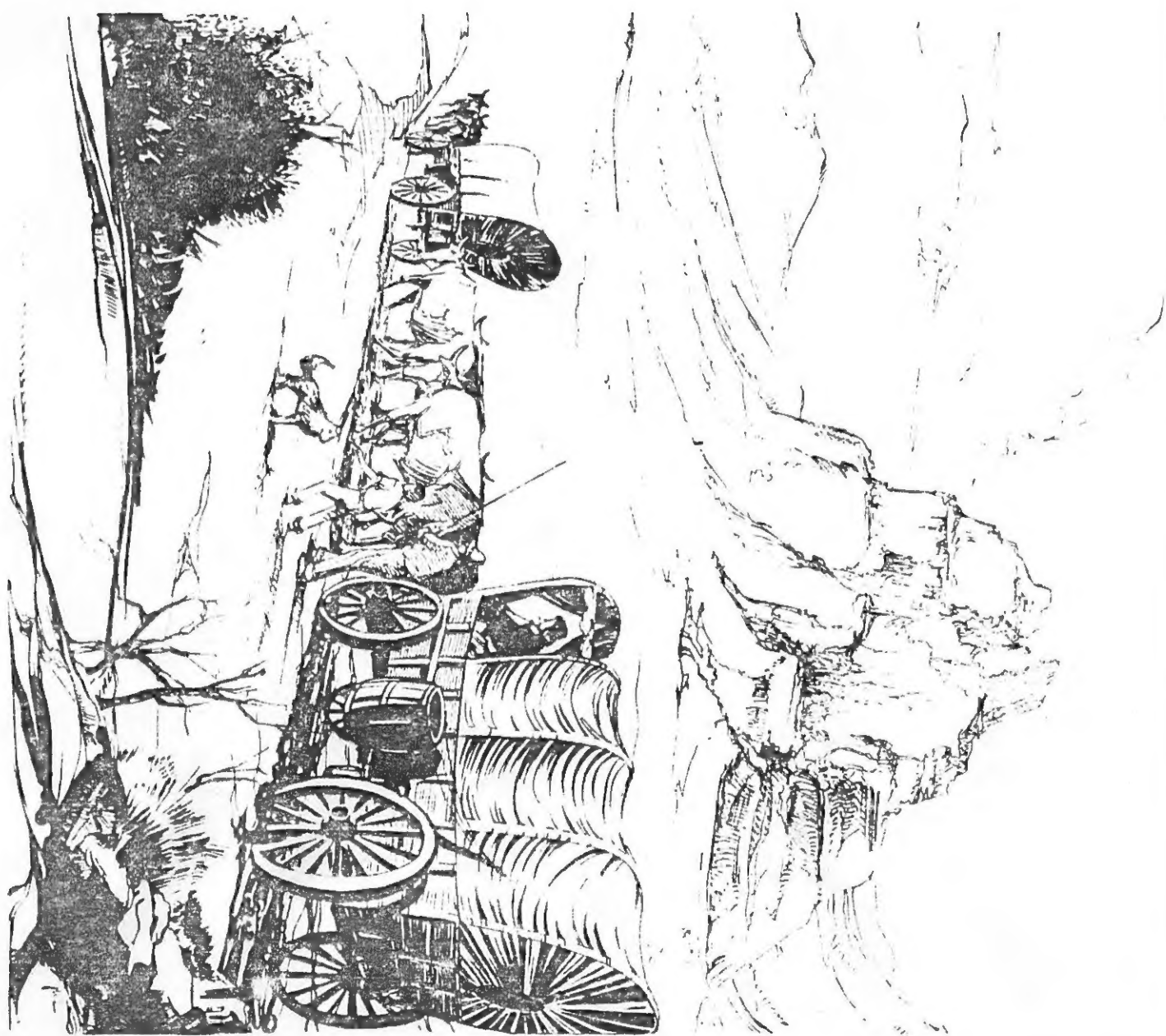
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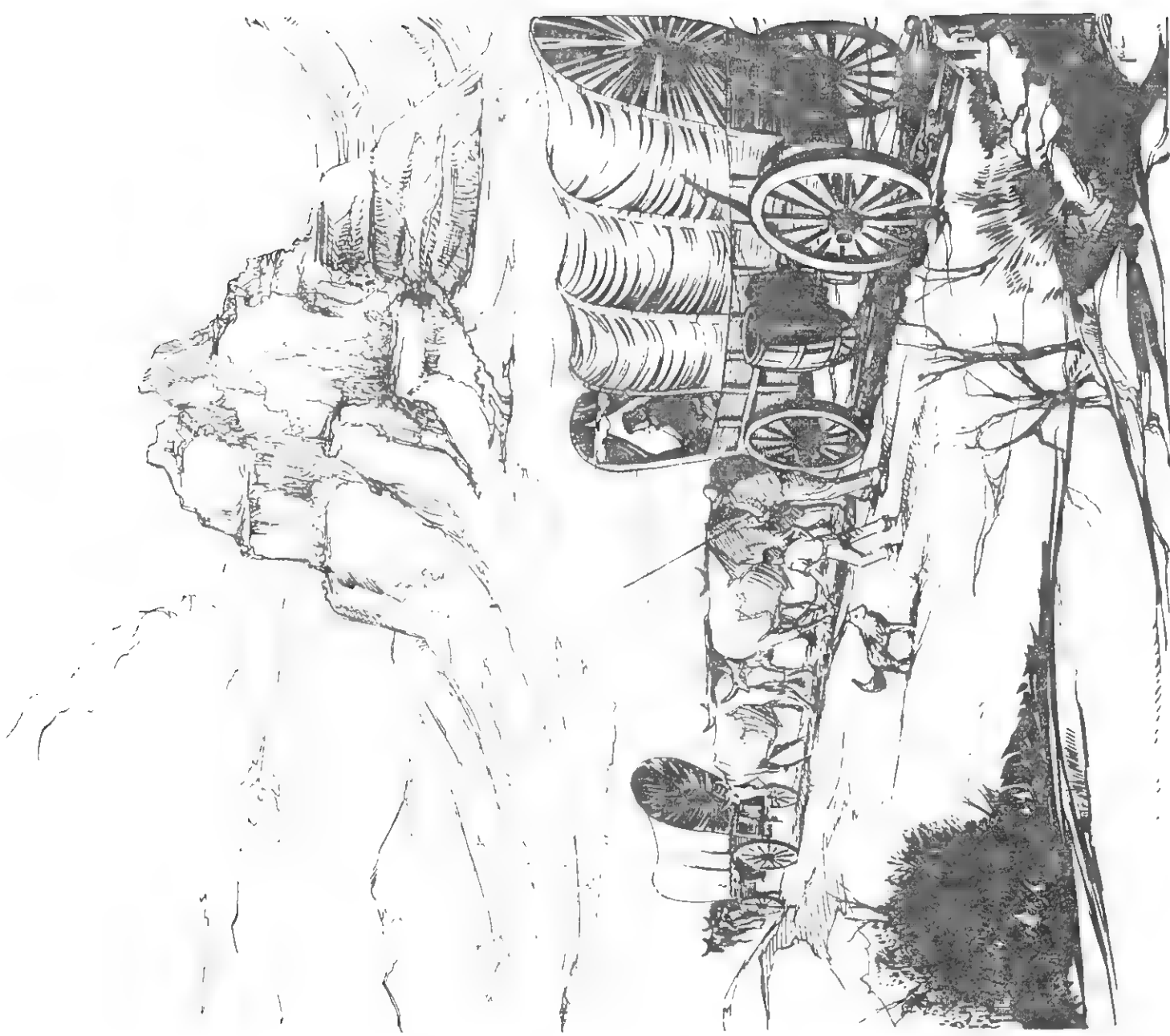
Pioneers crossing the plains to Utah

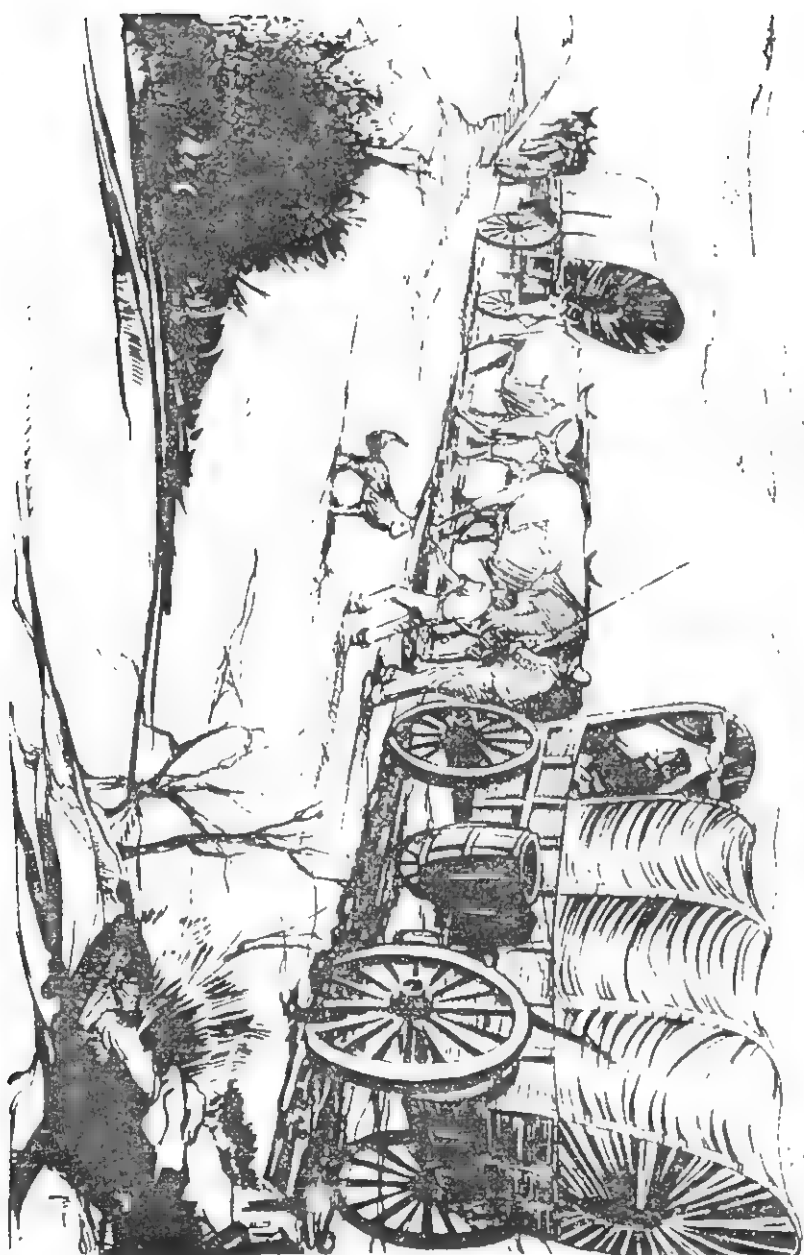
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A pioneer covered wagon train crossing the plains

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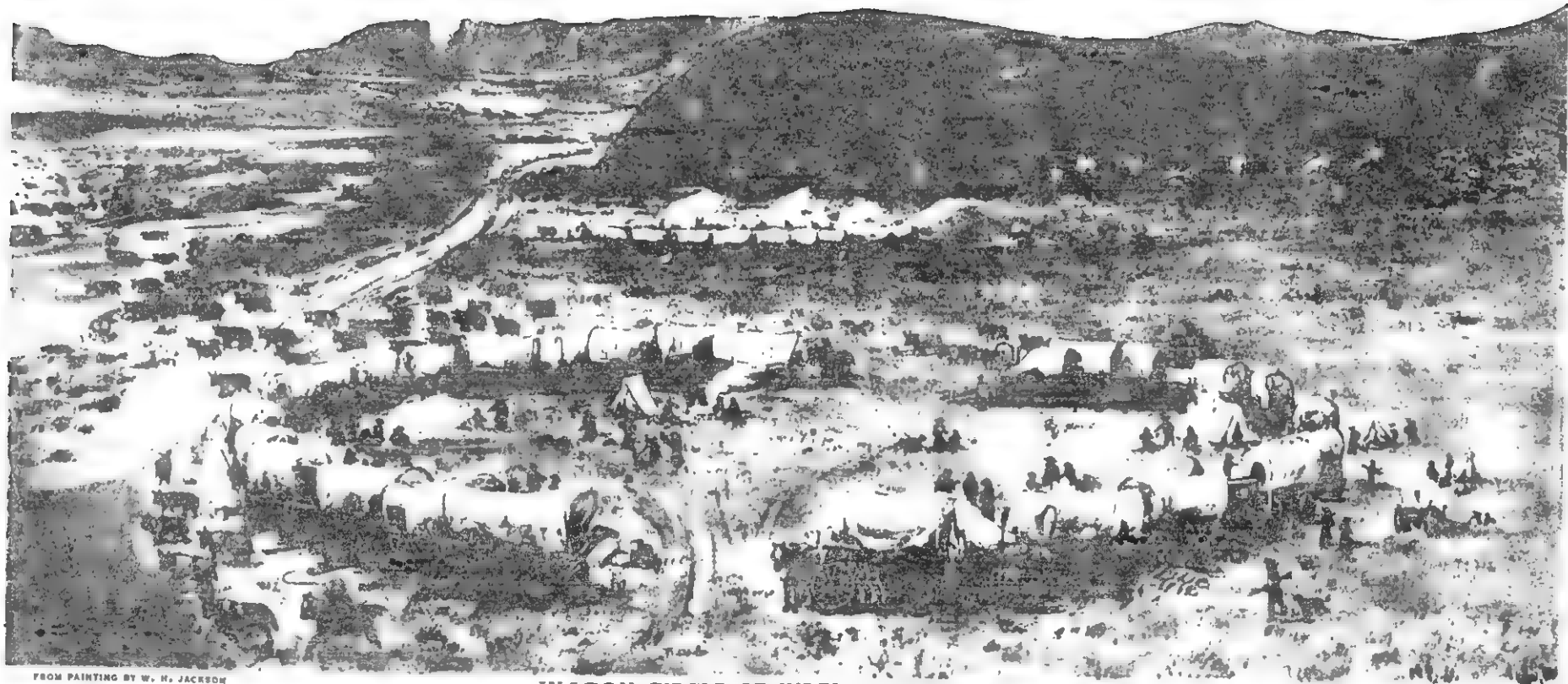


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